

Panel Highlights DCCW Meeting

Auburn.—The Sacrament of Confirmation provides not only the grace necessary to transform the Christian soul into a Soldier of Christ but it is in effect a mandate to each person to become a militant Christian — the Missionary Lay Apostle.

Father Robert McFiguera of Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, presented this challenge to more than 175 women from the nine deaneries of the Diocese of Rochester on Sunday in the auditorium of Holy Family Church, Auburn. Father McFiguera was one of eight moderators of the DCCW who participated in a panel on the general topic, "The Challenge of Personal Responsibility."

Father E. Leo McManus, moderator of the diocesan council, presided and introduced the priest members: Fathers James O'Connell of Ontario-Seneca; Robert Kanka, Monroe; John Coonan, Livingston; Joseph Hogan, Chemung-Schuyler; William Gaynor, Wayne; Robert McFiguera, Tompkins-Steuben. A special member of the panel was Father Gerald Dunn, diocesan director of Family Life Bureau and moderator of the Committee on Mothers' Councils.

THE PROGRAM for the day was opened with Benediction celebrated in Holy Family Church at 2:15 p.m. by Father McManus. A sermon on the work of the NCCW was given by Father Chester Kloczek, recently appointed moderator of the Cayuga Deanery Council. Father Kloczek is curate of the Holy Family Church.

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the diocesan council was conducted by Mrs. Robert D. Wierman of St. Mary's Catholic High School, Auburn. The highlight of the business was the presentation of a proposed budget for the year 1963-64.

Mrs. Victor Tischler, council treasurer, gave an illustrated report on the income and expenditures of the council. Mrs. Tischler had been assisted in preparing the budget by Mrs. Earl Nordbye, council assistant treasurer and Mrs. Ronald Glendhill, council auditor. Both women are members of the Monroe Council. The budget was discussed and adopted by a majority vote.

Copies of the new council directory were distributed to all diocesan presidents who will make them available to their diocesan officers, chairmen and presidents or grand regents of their affiliated societies.

Copies of the recently revised constitution were also distributed. Mrs. John V. O'Brien, diocesan vice president from Holy Trinity Parish in Webster, was chairman of the committee that compiled and distributed the directory and the constitution.

Two minute oral reports were given by the following diocesan presidents: Mrs. E. Joseph Haskett, Cayuga who welcomed the members; Mrs. Edward G. O'Brien, Corning; Mrs. John O'Brien, Livingston; Mrs. Frank Lyle, OS-Y; Andrew Hopiak, Steuben; Miss Eva Pirra, Tompkins; Mrs. Bruce Warren, Yates.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. JULIAN J. SHEEN

Rome — The other night, as we dined with about eighteen bishops from the Holy See, we asked seven of them who were near us to tell us this number of years they had spent in prison and in concentration camps because of their Faith. The total was twenty-six years! We then told them that they were "dry martyrs," explaining that a "wet martyr" was one who shed blood for his Faith while a dry martyr was one who died a thousand times through suffering. They answered: "We are all potential wet martyrs," adding that they had either just gotten out of prison or were getting ready to be sent back.

We then told them that Christ has various kinds of presence in the world: one is in the Church, another is in the Eucharist, another in the poor (Leon Bloy, unable to receive Communion one day, asked that a poor person be brought into his sick room) — and the other presence of Christ is in the suffering of His bishops, priests and people who are "witnessing to Christ" by their lives. Millions and millions of our faithful Catholics live in a state preparatory for martyrdom. Youths in many countries think not so much of living but of dying for the Faith.

Won't you identify yourself with these holy men and women by little acts of self-denial, so that you may at least have pin-pricks to set alongside their scars? One of the great advantages of fasting is that by doing without something you want, you become one with those who are in need. St. Paul says that if one member suffers, for example the hand, the whole body suffers with it. So it is in the Church; the poor and the suffering are part of our body. If you denied yourself just one cigarette a day, you could send the Holy Father, through his Society for the Propagation of the Faith, about \$6 a year, or \$5.73 more than the average per capita contribution of United States Catholics, to the Vicar of Christ for the Missions and missionaries of the world. May the Holy Spirit inspire you to love those who love unto death!

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Mass for Latin American Students

Latin American students at Genesee State University College attended a special Mass last Friday at St. Mary's Church in Genesee offered by Rev. Edward J. Scanlon of Buffalo, a former missionary in Puerto Rico. Servers Jose Angulo of Venezuela and Rodolfo Rodriguez of the Dominican Republic greet the priest and Father John Coonan of Mt. Morris. The students from Latin American nations meet frequently at the parish center for religious events and spiritual direction by Father Scanlon and area priests who speak Spanish. Photo by Norm Miller.

Sisters To Be Feted By St. Stephen Women

Geneva — Mrs. Marshall Root Jr., of Band 16 will be toastmaster at the annual St. Stephen's Rosary Society Christmas party to be held Dec. 4 in St. Stephen's School hall.

GUESTS OF HONOR will be the Sisters of St. Stephen's and Leo Kelleher, George Klue, Ed De Sales convents. The program will include Christmas music with Mrs. Leo Visco as soloist, accompanied by Henry F. Sedorewicz at the piano. Mrs. Albert H. Seidel and Mrs. William P. Stolz are in charge of the reception and the holiday wassail bowl preceding the dinner.

Mrs. Frederick M. Toole and Mrs. Charles D. Bowman are in charge of tickets and finances. Reservations may be confirmed by telephoning Mrs. Benjamin Karol.

Also assisting the co-hostesses, Miss Margaret Buckley and Mrs. Fay Wetherbee, leaders of Bands 4 and 16 respectively, are the following: Mrs. Thomas Campbell, Mrs. Frank Finn, Mrs. Henry Graham, Mrs. John H. Hillier, Henderson, Mrs. William J. Miss Mary T. Kelleher, Miss Rose McDonnell, also the Mesdames Alex Piel, Bernard Blanche, Charles Boehman, Wil-

son. ALL OF THE school's facilities, including language and science labs, library, gymnasium, and student lounge, will be open for inspection during that period. McQuaid students will serve as guides for tours of the school, and faculty and staff will be on hand to meet the visitors and answer questions.

Last Saturday, almost 100 nuns from the schools of the diocese were guests of McQuaid for a day-long program that included Mass celebrated by principal Rev. Cornelius J. Carr, The Holy Trinity in Webster, S.J., a luncheon, movies, a tour. The St. Monica's Mothers' Club and Benediction Rev. James Malone, S.J., of McQuaid coordinated the day's activities.

The next meeting of the DCCW will be held on Sunday, February 16 in the Church of The Holy Trinity in Webster. The St. Monica's Mothers' Club will be hostess society. All women of the diocese are invited.

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IECA Slates Anniversary

Bishop Kearney will celebrate the First Saturday Mass of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae in Alma Mater Chapel, Nazareth College, Dec. 7 at 8:30 a.m. This will mark the 25th anniversary of the Rochester Circle's First Saturday Masses.

Rev. William H. Shannon, professor of theology at Nazareth College and spiritual advisor of Rochester Circle, I.F.C.A. will assist Bishop Kearney. THE BERNADETTEs of Nazareth College will sing during Mass. Mrs. Lewis Boyce assisted by Mrs. Edmund Schwab, both Nazareth College Alumnae, is chairman of the anniversary observance.

Reservations for breakfast after the Mass are being made with Mrs. Boyce 116-4848 or Mrs. Schwab, C.R. 32891 on or before Monday, Dec. 2. Miss Mae Lou Broderick is Rochester Circle Regent.

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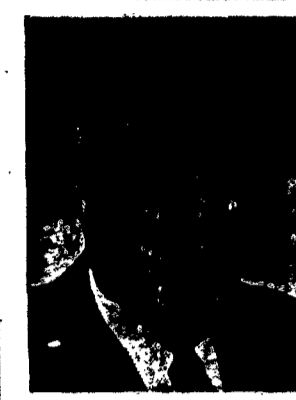
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